London City Council Finance Meeting February 6, 2023

Attending: Chairman Josh Peters, Committee members John Stahl, Greg Eades, Mayor Closser, Safety Service Director Rex Castle, Treasurer Sue Mosier, Auditor Kenna Combs, Tax Director Amy Marsh, Wastewater Superintendent Richard Duncan, Recreation Director Landon McKenzie, President Henry Comer, Street Superintendent Bill Long, residents Brent McDaniels, Michael Norman, Tommy Boyd.

The meeting was called to order at 602PM by Chairman Peters

The January minutes were reviewed**. Motion by Stahl to accept, 2nd by Eades. Motion passed**.

AUDITORS REPORT

Auditor Combs advises that the Overall Revenue for the Month of January was $2,832,392.18, while the Overall Expenses were $2,802,604.15. She did submit the Month to Date/Year to Date Current and previous Year Fund report. No questions were asked about the report. She advises that she does not have any concerns at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks – Mayor Closser has had discussions with the fireworks Company, and is asking for approval to contract for $20,000. Believes last year the budget was for $10,000. It was noted that this does not need to be an Emergency.

Josh Peters moved to take this to Council. John Stahl Seconded. Peters will sponsor. Motion passed 3-0.

Recreation – Lifeguard wages – Auditor Combs advises that the minimum wage in Ohio now stands at $10.10 an hour, which is higher than the lowest wage we offer to Lifeguards. She would like the language to indicate the lowest wage as Minimum wage, and leave the current Maximum hourly wage. By doing this, it would not need to be addressed again when the minimum wage increases. It was noted that this does not need to be an Emergency.

Motion by Peters to take to council. 2nd by Eades. Peters to sponsor.

Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Recreation – Sand blasting and painting the pool – Recreation Director McKenzie advises that they have tried to get quotes from multiple companies. Only Coleman & Sons has submitted a bid, which was for $45,048 for the sandblasting, and $16,650 for painting the pool with 2 coats of paint. The bid also noted that if both bids are accepted, that a 15% discount would be given. This would bring the total to $52,443 for both jobs (as calculated by Eades).

Eades – Is this a safety issue, with some of the crumbling concrete? McKenzie also noted that there will probably have to be concrete repair work done, once the sand blasting is done as it will uncover problems, along with some known issues.

Peters – Should we raise the total to account for concrete work also? After a discussion, it was decided to appropriate $75,000. Peters felt that it should be three separate amounts, sandblasting, painting and concrete work.

Motion by Eades to take to Council. 2nd by Peters. There will need to be an Emergency clause, as the time line is at least 2 months to complete all of the work.

Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Selling Gym equipment – SSD Castle advises that there are items that can be sold, many of which may be over $1,000, including the adjustable height backboards, score boards and controllers, among other items. They would like to put these items up on the Govdeals website.

Motion by Peters to place on Govdeals. 2nd by Eades. Peters to sponsor. After a discussion it was decided to add the Emergency Clause so the items can be sold quickly.

Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Capital Expenditures – Auditor Combs advises she was asked to come back to discuss this again. The Street, Recreations and Police already have items for Capital expenditures.

Mayor Closser - We need to consider street repairs. There are many streets that need attention.

Eades- Is there any consideration about paving 4th Street between Main & Oak. In the past, it has been shared by Bill Long, the Courthouse personnel was against paving that street, but Eades has talked with some people at the Courthouse, and there does not seem to be any objections at this point. It is probably the single worst street in London. Mayor Closser and Bill Long discussed this, and felt that the street cannot be properly repaired without fixing the base, and to tear it out and pave it would be very expensive.

Stahl – Feels that there should be more street lights north of Keny on Lafayette, as it is very dark out there. Since this is the major entry way into the City, it should look nicer, Long advises that Ohio Edison engineers can look at this.

NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

Spare Pump for ATP Sludge Digester – Wastewater Superintendent Richard Duncan advises that they currently have 2 pumps. When one broke down it took a year to get it back, and the other pump probably needs to be reconditioned soon. Auditor Combs advises that there is money in the funds to pay for this, but since it is over the $25,000 limitation for the BOPU that the expenditure needs to be approved.

Motion by Eades to take to Council. 2nd by Peters. Eades to sponsor. The Emergency clause will be included.

Motion passed 3-0

Furnace for the Bus garage – SSD Castle advises that the furnace is not operating, and due to changes in the supply line, a new furnace is needed. He did note that the School does pay rent of $17,000 a year. This will be an overhead furnace with a blower. Auditor Combs advises that this can be funded from the Walnut Street building fund.

Motion by Stahl to take to Council. 2nd by Peters. Peters to sponsor.

Motion passed 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS UPDATES –

Tax Director Marsh shared that the collections for the General Fund were $496,073.25 in January, which is 2.32% lower than in 2022. The collections for the Fire Fund were $244,970.99, which was 2.02% lower than 2022.

Street Superintendent Bill Long advises that they have a 1999 International Dump truck they would like to sell, via sealed bids. It needs repairs and is not worth the amount of money it would take to repair. He also advised that his Department is down 2 employees, and 3 trucks at present. There will be new legislation that pertains to storm water, to update the requirements for builders.

Motion by Stahl to take to Council 2nd by Peters. Peters will sponsor.

Motion passed 3-0

Recreation Department – Landon McKenzie advises that they will be hiring lifeguards for the upcoming season.

Auditor – Next month she will be bringing updates to the manuals, as she has been working with the law Director.

The next meeting will be March 6th at 6PM.

Approved 3-0 3-6-23